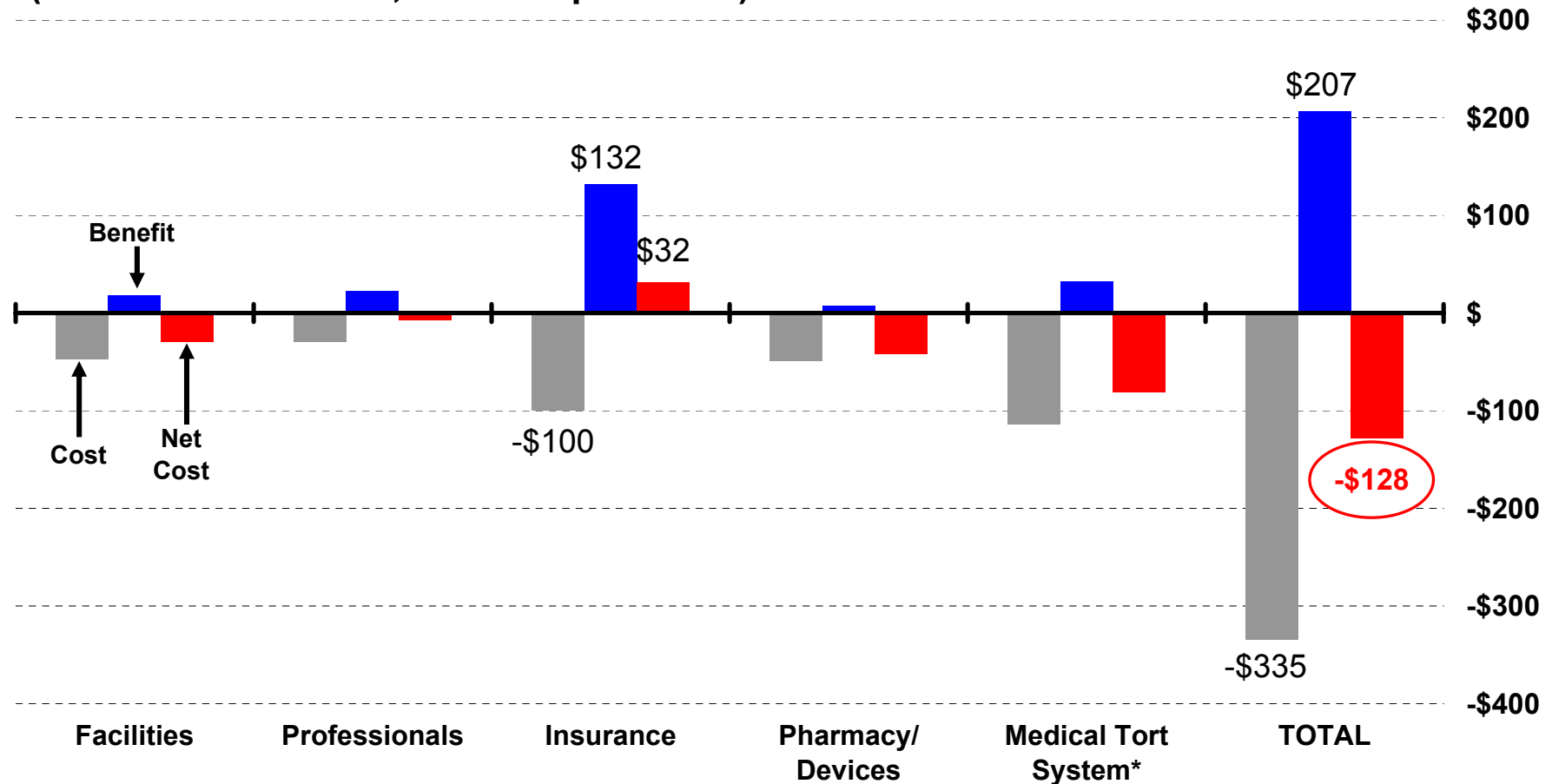


Health Regulation Costs Outweigh Benefits by \$128 Billion in 2002

(in billions of dollars, bottom up method)



Source: Christopher J. Conover, Center for Health Policy, Law and Management, Duke University

*Includes costs of medical professional liability insurance, courts and defensive medicine. Claimants' costs not compensated through awards are excluded.

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